

WILLIAM L. STONE.

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Mr. DAYTON, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6188.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs have carefully considered the bill (H. R. 6188) to amend the naval record of Lieut. Commander William L. Stone, and make the following report:

It appears from the record in the Navy Department that William L. Stone was appointed an acting volunteer lieutenant in the Navy September 21, 1861; that he served as such on board the U. S. S. *Norfolk Packet* and *Wamsutta*, and that he was dismissed from the service March 29, 1862, having been reported by the commandant of the Philadelphia Navy-Yard for drunkenness. That action was taken after extended investigation by the commandant. Subsequently the matter was carefully reviewed by the Department with a view to granting relief, if possible, but, considering the serious offense with which Mr. Stone was charged, and that it was committed during the exigency of war, the record could not be changed.

The committee therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.